

Headteacher Newsletter – March V2 2021

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A return to school prayer by Daisy Y6

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see my friends,

Open my ears to hear my teacher,

Open my mind to learn new things,

Let my heart remember that YOU are near if I feel afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

Let me shine your light brightly in St Philip's School.

Amen

Today the whole school took part in a 'Science morning' as part of a slightly belated Science Week. Hope's Mum and Oscar and Isabella's Dad both came in and delivered some exciting presentations on acids and alkalis. The children were all able to carry out an experiment which tested everyday items to see if they were acid or alkali based. A really exciting hands on way of learning through fun. Thank you both very much.

Dates for your diary:

26.3.2021 Science Day

29.3.2021 Holy Week assemblies

31.3.2021 Forest School Y4

1st April last day of term

19.4.2021 First day of Summer Term

21.4.2021 Forest School Y2

28.4.2021 Forest School Y3

Student in Year 5:

We have a student teacher in Year 5 who will be with us until May half term. Mr Brown is a mature student from Chichester University. As a school, we feel it is important to encourage new people into the profession.

We also have Keris Gall on a college placement for the next couple of months. She will be in Year 3 and Year R.

General info:

Website: All information is regularly updated on the school website www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

Facebook: Please go on to our school website www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk and click on the Facebook icon. Click the 'like' button on the page to ensure you receive updates.

Clubs: Clubs will recommence after Easter.

PE kits: Please ensure all children bring their full PE kit back to school on Monday 19th April, after the Easter holiday.

Uniform: Children can wear their Summer uniform after Easter up until October half term.

Hair: I appreciate that hairdressers are not open and so home cuts are required. Please try to factor in our ruling of no shorter than grade 4 if you are using a hair trimmer. If hair (boys or girls) has not been cut, please tie hair back if shoulder length or covering your child's eyes.

End of day collection:

Year 5 have been walking through the cemetery to alleviate the congestion at the end of the school day. However, the wall between the cemetery and school has been cordoned off as it appears to be leaning and Canon David is waiting for a structural engineer to assess it. As such, Year 5 will now be leaving via the undercroft at 3.20pm. This is the same time as Year 4 who leave from the front entrance and Year 6 who leave from the side door.

Please can I ask that parents collect their children and move on quickly so that we have staggered amounts of parents waiting at the front of school. Thank you

Epilepsy awareness:

Oscar in Year 5 has led three assemblies for the different classes to talk about Epilepsy Action and then to explain that today is 'Purple day' where people around the world are wearing purple to raise awareness of Epilepsy and the work that Epilepsy action do.

Oscar has decided to suggest people complete a 1K walk in their own time and has a 'Just Giving' page to raise funds for the charity (see letter sent home this week via email). Year 5 are going to walk the 1K this afternoon in school. Well done Oscar for all your hard work in planning the event and delivering the information to everyone in the community.

Holy Week liturgies:

Every year in the final week before the Easter holiday, each class acts out a part of the Easter, daily. This is for the children in school to be part of in a whole school daily gathering.

This year we have had to do things differently so each class has recorded their part of the story. Next week, each class will watch the story build up in daily instalments starting with Palm Sunday by Reception Class and Year 6 depicting the crucifixion.

As it is a liturgy rather than an assembly, we do not invite parents and as such, it will be kept within the classroom.

Please ask your child to tell you what part they have watched each day. Thank you to Mr Caws who has written songs for each part of the story over the years.

Food vouchers:

We have been given some more food vouchers for Morrisons. They are donated through the Diocese and so far we have given out over £2,000 of vouchers to families.

Please contact the office if they would be helpful to your family during this period.

Planting:

The Arundel Wildflower project donated a packet of seeds to each child in the school. The aim is a community project to promote food sources for bees in order for them to pollinate.

Reception Class and Year 1 have planted their seeds in the allotment with the Mayor in attendance and Year 2 have planted theirs in their own class garden.

Key stage 2 children will all bring a packet of seeds home to plant in their own garden or in an open space in the community. Please take pictures of the children doing this and send them in to us.

We are one of four schools involved in the project.

Illness:

At the moment, we are trying to be very cautious within school. Separate bubbles, social distancing, extra cleaning etc. We are asking that parents do not send their child into school if they have a streaming cold, cough, temperature or upset tummy.

Thank you to you all for supporting us with this. It is appreciated by all so we can continue to keep the school running as usual.

PGL Y6:

Year 6 were intending to go to PGL in Hindhead last November, it was then postponed for this Summer Term. However, after discussions with head teachers within our Deanery and Locality group of schools, who have all decided against residential trips this Summer, we have also decided to cancel the trip.

We appreciate that this will be a huge disappointment for the children in Year 6. All deposits will be reimbursed to parents.

Houses:

House point scores for this week: (None this week)

Houses	Weekly scores
Howard	139
Brotherton	97
Warrenne	98
Fitzalan	112